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Gentlemen: Bill Gates and his Microsoft team have revolutionized computer use. This is no small thing. Nothing in our world is the same thanks to the ease of use of the Microsoft products. I'm not saying there weren't any other important players because there were, however, in my view Microsoft was the absolute catalyst for it all, the information highway, the information age, the whole ball of wax. Rather than penalizing them over nitpicky stuff, we should really be giving Gates and his cohorts some kind of award. Bill Gates and Microsoft have changed the way we work, the way we live. Another plus which hasn't yet been acknowledged or reached fruition is that there are innumerable people who previously couldn't even type, didn't know a keyboard from a calculator, who are now clicking away, traveling the information highway, finding useful information, planning their life events, and without intending to becoming proficient at keyboarding and absorbing way more information than they realize. Their life skills and possibly job skills are improving due to the prolific distribution and reasonable pricing of Microsoft products, not to mention the 'free' added in products like Microsoft Internet Explorer and Microsoft Photo Editor. I've never heard one real (from the horses mouth) story about Microsoft people being coercive in fact I've heard just the opposite. It's my humble opinion that the law and the DOJ is being manipulated by Microsoft's enemies who will use you as a cat's paw to destroy the man, Bill Gates, who may be the greatest mind of our time. Many years ago a poet said he had seen the best minds of his generation destroyed by madness. I'd have to say I see the best mind of my generation being destroyed by jealousy and concerted legal malice. Please note that this is my personal opinion only, and not necessarily the opinion of my employer. May God's own wisdom aid you in making your decisions in this matter.

Sincerely,
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